WHEREAS, Fort Meade shared with the Black Hills history in making an outstanding contribution to the development of the West; and,

WHEREAS, Fort Meade has the unique distinction among Army forts of early use of "The Star Spangled Banner" as an official air; and,

WHEREAS, This use spread throughout the Nation, a young officer moved out; and,

WHEREAS, This finally culminated in the designation in 1932 by Congress as the National Anthem:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the 14th day of May, 1976, as

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in South Dakota, and urge all South Dakotans to fly the flag.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 10th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Six

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA - BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY
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